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1-10 (canceled).

11-26 (canceled).

27-30 (canceled).

31 (previously presented). A method for improving healing in a leg having a wound using a device for improving healing of the wound on the leg, wherein said device comprises an enclosure comprising a plastic material, wherein said enclosure has a first end with a closeable opening and a fastening means for closing the opening around a portion of the leg with the wound contained within said enclosure, wherein said device further comprises at least one fluid-absorbent material within said enclosure wherein said fluid-absorbent material is located at said closed end opposite said first end such that, when the device is applied to a leg with a wound, said fluid absorbent material is positioned within said enclosure at said closed end to absorb fluid produced by said wound, wherein said method comprises:

- a. inserting the wounded leg into the closeable opening of the device;
- b. placing the wounded leg in the enclosure so that the wound is contained within the enclosure; and
- c. securely closing the enclosure of the device about the wounded leg using the fastening means creating a warm, moist environment within the enclosure thereby promoting wound healing.

32 (previously presented). The method according to claim 31, wherein said plastic material is gas-impermeable.

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33 (previously presented). The method according to claim 31, wherein said plastic material is of a multi-layer plastic construction including a gas-impermeable layer.

34 (previously presented). The method according to claim 33, wherein said multi-layer construction further comprises an odor-absorbent layer.

35 (new). The method, according to claim 33, wherein said plastic material is pliable.

36 (new). The method, according to claim 33, wherein said plastic material is at least partially transparent to provide visible access to the wound.

37 (new). The method, according to claim 33, wherein said wound is an ulcer or is caused by diabetes, skin cancer, a burn, or rheumatoid arthritis.

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